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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 1 June 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Irwin, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger,
Mr. G. Smith (State), Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith

1. Possible Working Group on China

Mr. Gray said that the Sprague Committee had been concerned about why no OCB working group existed for Communist China. Mr. Gray had replied that normally the working groups are established after a particular NSC policy is approved and that no such policy exists for Communist China.

Mr. Gray said, however, that perhaps in this case some kind of interagency group might be set up. Mr. Merchant had no immediate objection but undertook to explore the matter further in the State Department. One possible disadvantage was cited - that is, that if the establishment of such a committee became fairly widely known it might give rise to rumors that a policy change is in the making.

2. U-2

The DCI told the Board about his testimony yesterday before the Fulbright committee. He mentioned particularly the enthusiastic response of the committee to the photographs which Mr. Dulles showed them. This led to a discussion by the Board of whether or not it would be advisable to let friendly governments see them. The consensus seemed to be that in the absence of any particular local objection it might be a good idea in the case of NATO and certain other allies.

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3. Radio Mambi

The Board next discussed the virulent anti-American, and particularly anti-Eisenhower, propaganda being broadcast by the Cuban Radio Mambi. Mr. Dulles undertook to check the distribution that the content of these broadcasts receives via FBIS and to discuss it further with the Board next week.

4. Chile Disaster

Gen. Gruenther was present for this item.

Mr. Harr and Mr. Riddleberger outlined the steps that had been taken by various elements of the U.S. Government to help alleviate the conditions in Chile resulting from the series of earthquakes. Gen. Gruenther did the same with respect to Red Cross activity. Mr. Harr said that the President was particularly interested in making sure that all appropriate assets of the Government are mobilized for this purpose.

Mr. Merchant said that the State Department has been working on the compilation of standard procedures to cover U.S. reaction in similar instances in the future and commented that the project would be pushed. He noted that this might be a useful exercise in connection with preparation for possible nuclear or other disasters in this country.


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